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SUBJECT: SERBIA FORMALLY SUPPORTS PSI

This is an action request, see para 3.

11. On December 5, the Serbian Ministry of Foreign Affairs handed  
emboff an official statement of support for the Proliferation  
Security Initiative and its principals under cover of diplomatic  
note number 34019. The statement, dated November 16, 2006, will be  
put on the Ministry's website in the near future, according to our  
contacts. Text of Statement follows:

12. (U) Begin Text

Belgrade, 16/11/2006

Statement of the Government of the Republic of Serbia on the  
Accession to the Proliferation Security Initiative

The danger of weapons of mass destruction is one of the greatest  
threats to international order, peace and security. Aware of the  
fact, the Government of the Republic of Serbia renders its active  
support to international activities aimed at preventing the  
proliferation of this type of weapons and the acquisition by  
non-state actors.

The existence of a real danger of possible use of weapons of mass  
destruction by non-state actors highlights the need for the  
countries to cooperate in an effective, continuous and close way and  
to take decisive and efficient measures and actions in order to  
eliminate this type of threat to national, regional and global  
security.

The Government of the Republic of Serbia welcomes and supports the  
Proliferation Security Initiative launched by the United States in  
Krakow in September 2003 as well as the Statement of Interdiction  
Principles of 4 September 2004 signed in Paris. This Initiative  
renders a substantial contribution to the implementation of United  
Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 which considers the weapons  
of mass destruction, their means of delivery and related materials  
in a comprehensive way and provides for a binding code of conduct  
for all states in respect of non-proliferation, prevention and  
suppression of illegal weapons of mass destruction access.

By acceding to Proliferation Security Initiative, Serbia expresses  
its readiness to actively participate in the programme taking place  
within its ambit and commits itself to take necessary measures under  
its laws in order to prevent possible proliferation of weapons of  
mass destruction over its territory within the Initiative.

End text.

13. (U) Action Request: MFA requested a "menu" of past and planned  
PSI-related activities, as well as an indication of which countries  
and/or international organizations would be best placed to help  
Serbia plan to participate in or host a PSI-related exercise in the  
next 12 months. We would welcome Department's input on these  
requests. Point of contact is deputy political counselor Ian  
Campbell.

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